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Sedgwick County Second Graders to Attend MolarDrama

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – More than 5,000 second graders from Sedgwick County Schools will be learning about their teeth during the 27th annual MolarDrama, February 3 – 7, at the Wichita Center for Arts, 9112 E. Central. **For media purposes only**: Shows will be held at 10 a.m. and at 1:30 p.m. each day.

The Sedgwick County Health Department holds the MolarDrama during National Children's Dental Health Month each year to educate children about proper dental hygiene. This year's production is called "The Adventure of the Fluoride Fandango." Wichita State University Dental Hygiene students, along with the Wichita Dental Hygienist Association have volunteered their time to help with program. Other major contributors of the MolarDrama every year are the Wichita District Dental Society, Delta Dental of Kansas, The Boeing Employees Good Neighbor Fund and Dillons.

"We are proud to hold this program each year for these kids," said Commission Chairman Tim Norton. "It is important for kids to learn about taking care of themselves. This is a fun way of teaching them what they need to know."

The Sedgwick County Health Department provides dental services for children at the main Health Department, 1900 E. Ninth. In 2002, the Dental Clinic staff hygienist screened 6,590 children for dental needs and there were 8,224 services provided by volunteer dentists and volunteer WSU Hygiene students. Dentists and WSU Hygiene students volunteered almost 1,800 hours.

For more information, call 660-9370.

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